

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A method for activating and expanding a population of regulatory T cells by cell surface moiety ligation, comprising:

a. providing a population of cells wherein at least a portion thereof comprises regulatory T cells;

b. contacting said population of cells with a surface, wherein said surface has attached thereto a first agent that ligates a first T cell surface moiety of a regulatory T cell, and the same or a second surface has attached thereto a second agent that ligates a second moiety of said regulatory T cell, wherein said ligation by the first and second agent induces proliferation of said regulatory T cell.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 22 wherein the first agent is an anti-CD3 antibody and the second agent is an anti-CD28 antibody.

24.-29. (Canceled)